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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Prendergast (Jamaica), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17

International institutional arrangements related to environment and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[1] adopted at its nineteenth special session, in particular part IV thereof, entitled "International institutional arrangements",

Recalling further its decision 52/445 of 18 December 1997,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General[2]

Emphasizing that policy decisions under the conventions are undertaken by their respective Conferences of the Parties, which are autonomous governing bodies,

Noting that various conventions related to environment and sustainable development are at different stages of implementation, and recognizing the role of the General Assembly in fostering progress in the implementation of those conventions and of the commitments contained therein,

Reaffirming the need, as stipulated in section IV of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, for greater coherence in various intergovernmental organizations and processes through better policy coordination at the intergovernmental level, as well as for continued and more concerted efforts to enhance collaboration among the secretariats of relevant decision-making bodies,

[1] Resolution S-19/2, annex.
[2] A/53/477.

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1. *Encourages* the Conferences of the Parties and the permanent secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa to examine appropriate opportunities and measures to strengthen their complementarities and improve scientific assessment of ecological linkages between the three conventions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, identifying actions undertaken to implement section IV.A, in particular paragraph 119, of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[1] as well as the areas requiring further consideration and work, taking into account the roles of relevant organizations and institutions of the United Nations system, as stated in section IV of the Programme.